

Supreme Courts, and in the columns of the public press. The details of this scandalous social tragedy we would willingly throw well over. We would fain pass them over in silence in the hope that all the accompanying shame and sorrow might soon rest in oblivion. Our duty to the public, however, is clear, and we are bound, *volens volens*, to look the matter full in the face, and endeavour to do justice to all the actors, and discover, if possible, some useful lesson from the general surroundings of the affair.

Firstly, then, as regards Barradas himself and those who placed implicit confidence in him. Was Barradas a man in whom "the powers that be" were justified in reposing implicit confidence? Was his record, either socially or otherwise, such as might be considered of almost unlimited trust? Was he, in short, a man whose character and career in this colony justified those who controlled an important Government department placing him in practically uncontrolled possession of thousands of dollars of public money? We think not. It was notorious years ago that Barradas was living in infamy with the wife of another Post Office official, now deceased, and this fact was more than once forcibly brought to the notice of the late Postmaster General in a manner that should not have been overlooked; but Mr. Lister, usually so strict in matters of morality, could always find an excuse for his *prêt-à-penser* in the Money Order department, and the second and last time he was retained in his position of trust.

It was scarcely surprising that a man of the Barradas type should embezzle large sums of money when the opportunities of doing so were so easy, and it is perhaps astonishing that his defalcations did not aggregate a far larger amount than the \$50,000 which he actually made away with. That he could have done so and got clear away, the evidence of the Assistant Postmaster General and the monthly Auditor clearly enough shows. There were no proper rules as to monthly audit of Barradas' accounts, and by rubbing out a few letters on a Treasury receipt form—which forms by the way were unnumbered—he was able to make it serve two purposes! The monthly auditor did not compare the Treasury vouchers with the entries in the books; he said he was not bound by rule to do so! So his cursory inspection was no audit at all—a sham, like the whole system in vogue throughout the entire local Government service. But how did Barradas come to be absent on leave in the month of March? Were all his accounts properly balanced and in order at the end of 1889? Had there been an audit of his books and vouchers up to the day prior to his departure "on leave"? Had there been no "patching up" of his accounts, to the tune of \$15,000, at the end of last year? Had he never been reprimanded for getting his accounts into an inextricable muddle? Was it not notorious, not merely in the Post Office but throughout the colony, that he was a regular habitué of the Chinese gambling halls in Kowloon city? Had he never been seen in the company of "doubtful" men? Was he not, as superintendent of the important public department, the Postmaster General, called to "meet a few friends at dinner" at 4 a.m. on the 18th, the glass rose to 29.38 with the wind S.E.; 8 a.m. the weather moderated, and at 2 p.m. the *Sin Naning* got up her anchors and proceeded to Kelung Island, where she anchored again. Proceeded at 4.30 a.m. on the 19th, the barometer having risen to 29.90, and arrived at Foochow at noon on the 20th. Among the damages done to the *Sin Naning* may be mentioned that the top of the stem and the plates at either side of it were smashed, the cat and port davits and head rails were broken, the covering board was cut in three places, and two plates on top sides, and two plates at water line were fractured, two accommodation ladders were carried away as were also the starboard pinnace and davits, whilst the rail was also carried away in several places. She lost her fore-top-mast and has a hole in her bow.

FORMOSA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

On the 17th instant a typhoon passed quite close to our place; it came up on the East side of Formosa, and was nearest to Kelung when it was about north of the Island. We had only the steamer *Cass* in port, besides a lot of junks. The *Cass* broke adrift, as she lost the stock of one of her anchors. By great care, attention and use of the engines the steamer was saved from going on to the rocks. The wind was round from N.E. through N. to W.; it blew hardest from W. to S.W., when the barometer was lowest, about 1 p.m., showing only 28. After 4 p.m. the barometer went up rapidly, and during the evening and night the weather moderated altogether.

When the wind was round to west it blew with terrific force, and the air was full of stuff carried along with it, such as branches and leaves of trees, tiles, chimney-stacks and similar articles. A lot of Chinese houses were blown down, part of the roof of one dwelling-house was destroyed, and on the High Light the wooden covering of the guns were clean blown away; it gave a good idea of the force of the wind, that all those heavy guns were turned nearly 40 degrees, according to Lieut. Hoch's statement. It also blew very hard in Taipei and Tamsui.

As near as I know, no lives were lost; one large junk was stranded near the Custom House; two small ones were lost and two men were thrown in the water, but their lives were saved, one by the *Cass*, and the other managed to get ashore. On the whole, the damage was not so great as might have been expected, because it lasted for a short time; during the 12 hours 48 inches of rain fell.

The cable was broken outside the White Dogs some two weeks ago; the Telegraph steamer *Fushen*, which has been up North, has now arrived and will go out by the end of this week with the Telegraph Engineer, Mr. Hansen, to repair it.

H.E. the Governor is still ailing, and only attends, as yet, to the most urgent business. When the German Consul for Formosa, Dr. Merz, was in Taipei a couple of weeks ago, his Excellency received him, but quite privately and in an unofficial manner. But the Governor is always busy for all that, and things are never allowed to come to a standstill. In a few weeks the Chinese Syndicate will take charge of the mines, and as it is a public secret that the Governor has a large share in these he has enough to attend to.

A Telegraph School is going to be established at Taipei; as I have no information from private sources I am not sure how far the particulars yet, but it will soon be opened.

The summer heat has been very moderate as yet, and as we nearly always have a fresh breeze blowing, we cannot complain. As a rule we have 84° to 87° during the day and less than 80° during the night.

Mr. Matheson and the two Railway Engineers, Messrs. Watson and Bourne, have now for the time being finished with their work down South, and are all coming over here to get the line finished to Kelung. In this connection, I can state that the Railway bridge across the river by Twakua (Taipei) stood the strain during the typhoon on the 17th; very well indeed. The water rose rapidly in the river during the day and in the evening, about 8 ft., it was nearly up to the solid bridge. I hear on good authority that no damage was done to it.—*Mercury*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

BRITISH OFFICERS' GRIEVANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—In justice to British officers generally permit me to reply to your unbiased, albeit slightly vindictive, correspondent who feels, at least, considerable British sympathy in his letters of the 8th and 21st instant.

1st.—By German law it is utterly impossible for the captain of a German ship to clear his vessel at a German Consulate with English or other foreign officers or engineers on board. If it is possible for the captain to obtain German officers and engineers, he is bound to do so.

2nd.—It is a fact that "United States" vessels are chiefly manned and officered by aliens.

3rd.—Seeing that the percentage of British ships is far in excess of that of other nations, it is not surprising that we should have to record heavy annual losses. Perhaps, were our ships exclusively officered by Britons, the "enormous losses" of your correspondent would be considerably mitigated—at least it is not unreasonable to think so.

4th.—The total number of foreigners at present sailing in British ships out of this port regularly, exceeds the figure given by any sympathetic friend and well-wisher.

If the gentleman, presumably an officer of a British vessel, who with such confidence quotes Whitaker's Almanac respecting the real percentage of British ships, will condescend to have a glance at the excellently compiled monthly journal, *Reporter*, of the Mercantile Marine Service Association of Liverpool for January of this year, and see his right orbit upon page 22, paragraph 2, line 11, he will find the following

words:—"over 71 per cent. of the foreign freight tonnage of the world is carried in British-owned vessels." How is that for high?

It was somewhat unfair of your correspondent, in writing for the masses, to freely air his knowledge of Latin; and as a true-born Briton I must protest against being classed as *Civis Romanum Sum*. When I was quite a junior at school I was taught to say *Civis Romanus Sum*, and that was right. In conclusion I have to say that, as space in your journal, Sir, must be far too valuable to admit of the publication of lengthy epistles incited by the exuberance of their own verbosity, and gifted with egotistical imaginations which can at any time command interminable and incoherent series of arguments to malign opponents and to glorify themselves, I now, once and for all, take leave of this subject and thank you cordially for favoring me and my opponent with space for our effusions in your esteemed columns.

Yours faithfully,

BRITISH TRUTH.


Hongkong, 28th July, 1890.

COLLISION IN THE NORTH.

The *N. C. Daily News* gives the following particulars of collision between the *Sin Naning* and *Strathleven*.—The *Sin Naning* left Shanghai on the 16th instant for Foochow, with a falling barometer, and a moderate S.E. wind when off the Lintao. At 8 a.m. she experienced a moderate S.E. breeze and fine clear weather. On the 17th at 2 p.m. the breeze freshened with thick weather, rain and rising S.E. sea, the vessel rolling heavily 3-5 p.m. very heavy breaking sea, the wind rapidly rising and coming in fifts gusts; 4 p.m. the engines were slowed and at 4.10 p.m. the *Sin Naning* came to anchor in Bullock Harbour in seven fathoms. The *Strathleven* came in and anchored ahead of her soon afterwards. At 6 p.m. there was a heavy E.N.E. gale blowing with thick rain, and the barometer had fallen to 29.48; 8 p.m. strong typhoon, very heavy squalls and continued heavy rain, barometer 29.43; 9.15 p.m. strong typhoon with furious squalls and heavy rain, so the second anchor was let go, and while this was being done the *Strathleven* commenced to drag her anchors. In consequence of this, the *Sin Naning* veered out cable, but by the time 75 fathoms were out, the *Strathleven* dragged across her hawse. The latter steamer then went astern with her engines to get clear of the *Sin Naning's* bow. She succeeded in doing so, but scraped and bumped along the other steamer's starboard side doing a lot of damage. The *Strathleven*, having finally got clear, steamed about the harbour for the rest of the night. At midnight the barometer was down to 29.30, but how much lower it went down is not known, as everyone on board were too fully occupied clearing away the wreckage and watching the *Strathleven* as she occasionally went dangerously near the *Sin Naning*, to take note of the barometer. Furious gusts of wind and blinding rain were experienced at midnight. At 4 a.m. on the 18th, the glass rose to 29.38 with the wind S.E.; 8 a.m. the weather moderated, and at 2 p.m. the *Sin Naning* got up her anchors and proceeded to Kelung Island, where she anchored again. Proceeded at 4.30 a.m. on the 19th, the barometer having risen to 29.90, and arrived at Foochow at noon on the 20th. Among the damages done to the *Sin Naning* may be mentioned that the top of the stem and the plates at either side of it were smashed, the cat and port davits and head rails were broken, the covering board was cut in three places, and two plates on top sides, and two plates at water line were fractured, two accommodation ladders were carried away as were also the starboard pinnace and davits, whilst the rail was also carried away in several places. She lost her fore-top-mast and has a hole in her bow.

Intimations.

EMPIRE PALE ALE



EMPIRE XX STOUT

JUST TO HANND, A FULL STOCK OF THE ABOVE, IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

THIS justly favorite Beer is rapidly superseding all English and German Beers in China, Japan, and the Straits Settlements, owing to its absolute purity and the entire absence of Chemicals.

VIDE ANALYST'S REPORT.

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As supplied to the Hospitals and Infirmarys. Strongly recommended by the Faculty for its strengthening properties and adaptability for hot climates.

IN BOTTLES AND CASKS.

EMPIRE PALE ALE	6 Pints	per dozen	\$ 1.50
	Quarts	per cask	2.50
	9-Gall. Cask	per cask	6.00
	18-Gall. Cask	per dozen	10.00
DOUBLE XX STOUT	6 Pints	per dozen	1.50
	Quarts	per cask	2.50
	9-Gall. Cask	per cask	6.50
	18-Gall. Cask	per dozen	12.00

SOLE AGENTS.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.

(Late THE HALL & HOLTZ C. Co., Ltd.)

Hongkong, 29th July, 1890.

Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is the most valuable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, General Debility, Wasting Diseases of Children, Chronic Coughs, and Bronchitis that has ever been produced. It is very palatable; it is very fattening and it is very strengthening. It will ease at once the most violent cough and will give both comfort and strength to the sufferer. It possesses the combined virtues of these popular remedies in their fullest form. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Ld.), Agents in Hongkong and China.—[Advt.]

THE SHAMKIN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that at a Meeting of the Directors of this Company, held THIS DAY, a FINAL CALL OF FIVE DOLLARS per Share, was made upon all the Members and that the same is payable to the undersigned, at the Registered Office of the Company, 2, Beaconsfield Arcade, on or before THURSDAY, the 21st day of August next.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. BARRETTO, Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1890. [1104]

Today's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1890. [1100]

THE SONGEI KOVAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that unless that SECOND CALL of \$5 per Share due 7th June, 1890, on Shares of the above Company (Nos. 726/750, 3476/3495, 3441/3445, 4126/4250, 427/428, 4301/4310) is paid to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 21st instant, the said shares will be FORFEITED in accordance with the power given in the Articles of Association.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1890. [1103]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

TUESDAY,

the 31st day of August, 1890, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th July, 1890. [1101]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 31st day of August, 1890, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of one Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Hectares.	Area in Gacres.	Area in Bighas.
Shau-kiwan	ft. ft. ft. ft.	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.1
M'rine Shau-kiwan	ft. ft. ft. ft.	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.1
No. 1. Bay...	226/247/146/247/616/828/1851	77	76		

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 2nd day of August, 1890, at 2 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, SUNDY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

Hall & Holts-made TAPESTRY with PLUSH COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE.

English-made MAHOGANY MOROCCO COVERED SUITE.

CENTRE and SIDE TABLES, CHIMNEY GLASSES and PICTURES, CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with glass back, ESCRITOIRE, WRITING TABLE, CROCKERY, GLASS, and PLATED WARE.

DOUBLE & SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, BRASS MOUNTED, WARDROBES, with glass door, MARBLE-TOP TOILET TABLE and GLASS MARBLE-TOP WASHSTAND.

2 BICYCLES.

&c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1890. [1102]

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO. CO., LD.

7 PER CENT. PREFERENCE DEBENTURE BONDS

THE SECOND ANNUAL DRAWING OF 100 DEBENTURES (for redemption on 31st August) will be held at the Head Office of this Company on WEDNESDAY, 6th August, 1890, at 11 o'clock A.M.

By Order of the Board,

W. HAYWARD, Secretary.

Shanghai, 24th July, 1890. [1109]

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

REGISTERED IN 1825.

INVESTED FUNDS.....£7,000,000 Stg.

ANNUAL INCOME.....£900,000 Stg.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI: R. E. WAINWRIGHT, Esq., AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq., F. H. BELL, Esq., NEIL MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer.

W. T. PHIPPS, Esq., Chief Agent.

AGENCIES:

Amoy—Messrs. Brown & Co.

Canton—Messrs. Rowe & Co.

Chefoo—Messrs. Corns & Co.

Foochow—Messrs. Phipps & Phipps & Co.

Hankow—W. F. Sharp, Esq.

Kobe—Messrs. Browne & Co.

Nagasaki—China & Japan Trading Co., Ltd.

Neuchang—Messrs. Bandinel & Co.

Ningpo—Messrs. Kultrau & Co.

Peking—Dr. Dudgeon, Medical Officer.

Shanghai—Messrs. Barclay & Co.

Tientsin—Messrs. Wilson & Co.

Yokohama—Messrs. Fraser, Farley & Co.

The Standard is an old and wealthy Scottish Office, well-known throughout India and the East, and has acquired a marked character for sound and liberal management.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, Standard Life Office.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1890. [56]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1890. [57]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1887. [217]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAIELS 600,000. \$333,333.33.

EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LEE SING, Esq., LOU TEO SEUM, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. [109]

NOTICE OF 4TH CALL.

LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 4th CALL of \$10 per Share, on the 4,000 Shares numbered 1001/5000 is payable to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 26th August, 1890, and calls not paid on said date are liable to pay interest at the rate of 12 1/2 per cent. per annum.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 26th August, 1890.

LABUK PLANTING CO., LD., TURNER & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1890. [1096]

THE DARVEL BAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRST MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Darvel Bay Trading Company, Limited, will be held at No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 4th day of August, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the subjoined Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.—That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Company's Ordinances 1865 to 1886, and that Frederick Alexander Alfred Busing Brockelmann and Ernst Richard Fuhmann be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators.

Dated 26th day of July, 1890.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., General Managers.

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, at 12.30 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 5th August, to confirm the following Resolution passed at the Meeting held this day.

"Resolved that Mr. C. S. Taylor and Mr. H. Wicking, elected by the Shareholders and the Hon. C. P. Gater and Mr. L. Poeschner, elected by the Directors, be and hereby are appointed a Committee to investigate, examine and report upon the working of the business of this Company."

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1890. [1065]

CAUTION TO SHIPOWNERS AND CAPTAINS.

RAHTJEN'S ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITIONS.

Other makes than our original Manufacture are now being sold.

The genuine and only Composition connected with Mr. RAHTJEN himself is HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S and packages are marked with these words and Trade Mark an open hand in red.

REJECT ALL OTHERS.

Agents in Hongkong F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1890. [1093]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half-year ended 30th June, of eight per cent. upon the paid up capital.

Dividend Warrants will be issued to Shareholders on FRIDAY, the 8th August.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th July until the 8th August both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1890. [1079]

NOTICE.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the special resolution of 23rd July, 1884, the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 30th June, 1890 of Five per cent. upon the paid up capital.

Dividend Warrants payable on the 12th prox. will be issued to Shareholders on that date.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd until the 12th August, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1890. [1092]

STENOGRAPHER (French and English), good Spanish Correspondent, works Remington typewriter rapidly, SEEKS SITUATION. Advertiser is an Englishman aged 21. Can furnish good references and testimonials.

Apply to H. HALL, c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office, Hongkong, 19th July, 1890. [1063]

THOMAS KERR & CO. ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS AND CONTRACTORS. YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS, OFFICE—No. 23, Pottinger Street, Hongkong, 6th June, 1880. [26]

SHIPS' COMPRADEORE & STEVEDORE, PRICES.

Cable Beef	7 cents per lb.
Crow Beef	6 "
Vegetables	2 "
Bread	4 "
Mutton	18 "
Fruits	4 "
Fish and Prawns	9 "
Veal	9 "
Fowls and Ducks	\$3.60 per dozen.
Geese	900 "
Eggs	80 cents per 100
Stone Ballast	40 " " ton
Shingles do.	55 " "
Discharging Rice	5 " "
Loading General Cargo	5 " "
WING C. WONG & S. F. F. T. T. T.	

Hongkong, 21st July, 1890. [1075]

TWO GOOD ROOMS, with Bath Room, in the China Road. Rent moderate. Splendid View of the Harbour.

Apply to W. S. MARTEN, 2, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1890. [699]

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-eighth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 1st August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th July to 1st August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1890. [1045]

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

This Association is formed for:—

I.—The purpose of countervailing influences that are, and for a very long time have been, acting against the interests of officers of the British Mercantile Marine.

II.—To watch over and guard the interests of its members.

III.—To maintain the proper dignity of the profession.

N.B.—PUBLIC MEETINGS of this Association will be held at 8.30 P.M., every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at No. 2, HIGH STREET—the temporary quarters—until further notice.

All Masters and Officers are cordially invited to join.

By direction of the Committee, Hongkong, 28th May, 1890. [1010]

KUHN & CO., JAPANESE AND CHINESE FINE ART DEPOT.

11 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1890. [1072]

INTIMATION.

F. Blackhead & Co., SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVE CONTRACTORS, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, No. 11, PRAYA Central, (Opposite Padder's Wharf).

SOLE AGENTS for RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION FOR THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, specially manufactured for coating the inside of STEEL SHIPS.

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS PRESERVATIVE AGAINST ROTTING, DECAY, &c., of WOOD.

SAPOLIO, ENOCH MORGAN'S SON'S SAPOLIO OR GENERAL CLEANING PURPOSES, CHR. MOTZ & Co., BORDEAUX CLARETS, MAX HAASEN'S FRANKFURT on M. CONSERVED MEATS, VEGETABLES and FRUIT, CEMENT from the celebrated Factory of Hemmoor, SWEDISH TAR and OREGON PINE LUMBER.

FLensburg STOCKBEER, ENGINEERS' and BLACKSMITHS' MACHINERY and TOOLS, EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES and REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK AT REASONABLE PRICES.

ALL KINDS OF COALS SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE Hongkong, 26th June, 1889. [150]

Geo. Fenwick & Co., LIMITED, VICTORIA FOUNDRY, WANCHAI, ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS FOUNDERS, GOVERNMENT & GENERAL CONTRACTORS, &c.

Established 1880. Hongkong, 20th January, 1890. [109]

CAPTAIN GEORGE TAYLOR, INLAND SEA and JAPAN COAST PILOT. Telegraphic Address: POWERS, Nagasaki. Hongkong, 8th April, 1890. [571]

W. S. MARTEN, ARTISTIC DECORATOR, AND HOUSE AND ESTATE AGENT, 2, DUDDELL STREET, HONGKONG. Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [574]

TO LET UNFURNISHED, From August 1st. TWO GOOD ROOMS, with Bath Room, in the China Road. Rent moderate. Splendid View of the Harbour. Apply to W. S. MARTEN, 2, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1890. [699]

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 209 cum New Issue—premium, sellers.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, ex New Issue—180 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue—170 per share, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tia. 340 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company Limited—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tia. 84 per share, sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tia. 150 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$352½ per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$86½ per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$66 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Co. —\$37½ per share, buyers.
 China, and Manila Steam Ship Company—115 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$180 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50½.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$56 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$176 per share, sellers.
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$102 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$96 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$112 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.
 Punjoni and Sunghie Dun Samantan Mining Co. —\$7 per share, sales.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—\$24 per share, sales.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$14½ per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$81 per share, buyers.

Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—\$27½ per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$120 per share, buyers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Kee Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.
 Crutchfield & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nominal.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms and Building Co., Ltd.—50 per cent. dis., sellers (fully paid up).
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$14 per share, sales.

The Darvel Bay Trading Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Greer Island Cement Co.—\$33 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$91 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$6 per share, sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$35 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, sellers.
 The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, nominal.

The Lamag Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.
 The Jeleb Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$44 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$24 per share, sellers.

The Shamene Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan—\$14½ per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par, nominal.
 EXCHANGE.
 ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/6
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/6
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/7
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/7
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/7

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 4/50
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/50
 On Demand 2/3
 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72½
 Private, 30 day "light" 73½

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Oriental*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 27th instant at 3:30 p.m., and may be expected here on the 30th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Congo*, with the outward French mail, left Saigon on the 27th instant at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on the 30th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 28th instant, left Yokohama on the 28th, and may be expected here on the 3rd proximo.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Wing-jang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 28th instant, and is expected here on the 1st proximo.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Biaggio*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and may be expected here to-day.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai*, left Shanghai on the 27th instant at daylight, and is due here to-day.

The Ben line steamer *Banovina*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 24th instant, and is due here on the 31st.

The Glen line steamer *Glenorchy*, from London, left Singapore on the 27th instant, and is expected here on the 3rd proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Bombay*, left Singapore on the 28th instant at 4 p.m., and is due here on the 4th proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy*, left Bombay for this port on the 23rd instant at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 9th proximo.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

28th July, 1890.—At 4 p.m.									
STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind.	Weather.	State of sky.	Direction.
Wanchow.	30.25	71	80	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Nagasaki.	30.20	71	80	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Shanghai.	30.21	71	80	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Amoy.	30.27	81	75	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Swatow.	30.28	81	73	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Shanghai.	30.20	81	84	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Amoy.	30.21	82	84	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Hankow.	30.25	82	79	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Canton.	30.27	80	81	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Shanghai.	30.16	80	81	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Hankow.	30.20	81	78	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Amoy.	30.21	80	81	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Shanghai.	30.27	85	76	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE
Wanchow.	30.20	80	58	SE	1	SE	Cloudy.	Light rain.	SE